the receipt of final population figures of 1991 census from the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India.

Ministries/Departments Inspected by Staff Inspection Unit

4313. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Ministries/Attached Offices inspected by the Staff Inspection Unit during the last three years;

(b) the number of posts abolished and amount of money saved during the last three years following the inspection, category-wise, Ministry-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to delicensing of flour mill industry following liberalisation of control in sugar industry, any inspection has been made during the last two years in the Ministry of Food;

(d) if so, the results thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and likelihood of such inspection in the Ministry of Food and its Attached Offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) The Staff Inspection Unit of the Ministry of Finance completed 101 studies in respect of Ministries/Attached Offices and Organisations under them during the last three years; and

(b) As a result of the studies referred to in (a) above, Staff Inspection Unit recommended of 10,035 posts. In monetary terms, the cost of these posts works out to about Rs. 25.18 crores per annum. The details of posts recommended surplus Ministry-wise and category-wise during the last three years are given in the enclosed Annexures I, II & III.

(See Appendix CLXIV, Annexure No. 66)

(c) to (e) The only request received by the Staff Inspection Unit from the Ministry of Food for staffing study during the last two years related to the study of the Food Analysis Laboratories in Delhi, Bombay, Madras & Calcutta under that Ministry. As a result of the study conducted by the Staff Inspection Unit nine posts (Group 'B' 3; Group 'C' 4; and Group 'D' 2) were found in excess and were recommended for abolition. The Staff Inspection Unit will include in its 'Annual Programme of Studies', the staffing studies in respect of the Ministry of Food on receipt of a formal request from that Ministry.

Customs duty on import of RBD Palmolein

4314. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the effective rate of customs duty on imported RBD Palmolein when the imports are for Public Distribution System (PDS) and when it is for general purpose like import by NDDB, etc.;

(b) whether it is a fact that recently the State Governments were allowed to directly import RBD Palmolein for UDS and if so, what rate of customs duty is applicable on it; and

(c) what rate of customs duty would be applicable on imports of RBD palmolein by Gujarat Government for PDS against the exports of soda ash?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The general effective rate of Customs Duty on RBD Palmolein imported for any purpose, is presently 110 per cent. However, an exemption has been given in July, 1992 permitting National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) to import one lakh tonnes of palmolein during 1992-93